

## VERBS PRACTICE

My name is Nico and I am from Greece. I **came\*** to the United States two years ago with my family. We live in a small town in Pennsylvania called Kennett Square. I live in town, but I don't work in town—I work in West Chester. I work from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 to 5:30. I have a car and I drive to work every day. It is about 25 minutes by car from Kennett Square to West Chester. My friend Sam also works with me, and we take turns driving to work. One week I drive, and one week Sam drives. This is good, because we save money on gas that way! Sam is my American friend; he does not speak Greek. This is good, too, because I can practice English with him on the way to work.

I am married, and I have three children. One goes to school: my daughter is 8 years old and she is in the third grade. Our twin sons are too little for school now, they are almost 3 years old. Next year, they **will go\*** to pre-school. My wife works hard at home: she cleans, prepares and cooks the meals, and takes care of our children. She also works part-time four days a week, in the evenings. I take care of the children while she is at work.

Both my wife and I attend a class to learn to speak English better. We go to class, and we also study together. We listen to lessons on the computer, we read and write the new vocabulary words, and we practice with our American neighbors. We also watch American TV. We want to learn quickly, but English is not so easy—it takes time and patience to learn!

TO BE    TO COME    TO LIVE    TO WORK    TO HAVE    TO DRIVE    TO TAKE TURNS  
TO SAVE    TO SPEAK    TO PRACTICE    TO GO    TO CLEAN    TO PREPARE    TO COOK  
TO TAKE CARE    TO ATTEND    TO LEARN    TO STUDY    TO LISTEN    TO READ  
TO WRITE    TO WATCH    TO WANT    TO TAKE TIME

\*Notes:

\***Came** – this is the past tense of come.

I come home from work at 6:00 PM. Yesterday, I **came** home early, at 5:15.

Nico **came** to the United States two years ago with his family.

\***will go** – this is the future tense of go. In English, will and a verb indicates the future.

Tomorrow, I **will go** to the supermarket.

My parents **will not go** on vacation in July; they **will go** in August.

When will **we go** to the library to borrow books?

Nico and his wife **will study** hard because they want to learn to speak English.

They **will not miss** any classes.

Next year, Nico's twin sons **will go** to pre-school.

The children **will play** outside tomorrow if the weather is nice.

They **will not play** outside today because it is raining.

**Go on to the next page for an activity with the reading.....**

**IS IT TRUE OR FALSE? IF THE SENTENCE IS FALSE, FIX IT SO THAT IT IS TRUE.  
WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED, CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

Nico is Italian.

He has three children: twin daughters and one son.

Sam works with Nico.

Nico does not have a car. / Nico **doesn't** have a car.

Nico's wife works part-time.

West Chester is very far from Kennett Square.

Sam is Greek, too. He and Nico speak Greek together.

Nico and his wife want to learn English.

Nico's wife does not attend English class / Nico's wife **doesn't** attend English class.

## ANSWERS TO TRUE OR FALSE ACTIVITY:

Nico is Italian. **False**--Nico is not Italian—he is Greek.

He has three children: twin daughters and one son. **False**--He has three children, twin sons and one daughter.

Sam works with Nico. **This is true!**

Nico does not have a car. / Nico **doesn't** have a car. **False**--Nico does have a car.

Nico's wife works part-time. **This is true!**

West Chester is very far from Kennett Square.

**False**—West Chester is not too far—it is about 30 minutes by car.

Sam is Greek, too. He and Nico speak Greek together.

**False**—Sam is American, and he and Nico speak English together.

Nico and his wife want to learn English. **This is true!**

Nico's wife does not attend English class / Nico's wife **doesn't** attend English class.

**False**—Nico and his wife both attend English class. They want to learn to speak English!